

# EXHIBIT J

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**Subject:** RE: Subpoena Objection re: Vasan Varadarajan. In re Arjun Vasan v. Checkmate.com, Inc. - Case No.: 2:25-cv-00765-MEMF-JPR [KLG-AMERICAS.FID3718879]  
**Date:** Friday, September 19, 2025 1:39:44 PM

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Mr. Varadarajan,

I am writing to follow up on the voicemail I left you this morning at 10:09 a.m. to confirm your attendance at your scheduled deposition and document production on September 22, 2025, at 11a.m., and my colleague's below communication. Given your failure to respond to this voicemail, and your representation you "will not appear for any deposition absent a court order" and refuse to "produce documents or appear unless ordered by the Court or mutual stipulation between the parties" (neither of which objection is valid), Checkmate understands that you will not be appearing on Monday, September 22, 2025.

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If we are incorrect in assuming that you will not be appearing on Monday, September 22, 2025, please let me know immediately, and in any event no later than 7 p.m. PT this evening. If we are correct in our assumption, we reiterate that we are willing to accommodate scheduling changes and provide for different scopes of production in order to alleviate any undue burden. We invite you to please call me to discuss same so that we can discharge your obligations under the subpoena. Should you, however, persist in an outright refusal to comply, Checkmate will have no choice but to proceed with a motion to hold you in contempt: we hope to avoid that circumstance and again urge that you seek and obtain competent legal counsel to advise you regarding your obligations.

Thank you,

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**From:** Keech, Ryan Q. <Ryan.Keech@klgates.com>  
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Mr. Varadarajan,

As it happens, this email contradicts sworn testimony already provided by you regarding your involvement with your son's claims and defenses. Even were it not the case that you were a relevant witness - which you are - the law does not permit you to simultaneously insert yourself as a witness and avoid discovery in this case.

Our client is willing to accommodate legitimate scheduling conflicts and discuss the parameters of your production, but a subpoena is an order of the court with which you are required to comply. We invite you to seek competent legal advice to address these obligations. My colleagues will be in touch to confirm scheduling for your deposition and production of documents and communications.

Best regards,

**Ryan Q. Keech**

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You have not previously corresponded with this sender. Dear Counsel,

It is an onerous burden on me to be subpoenaed in this case. This is in consideration that I have no relevant relationship to Voicebite or checkmate. I had retired much before that and was only peripherally aware of Voicebite formation, and its transactions with Checkmate. At this stage in my 70<sup>th</sup> year, I am occupied in my personal matters and would have difficulty traveling for an in person deposition due to health reasons.

Further, I note that Checkmate named me as a third party with potential claims in its counterclaims. I have already declared that I have no such claims. That is the extent of my relationship with VoiceBite.

I had stated my objections to the subpoena to you and these are again attached to this email.

I also became aware that the Plaintiff's (Arjun Vasan) motion to dismiss your counterclaims was not opposed by you in a timely manner. I believe that your subpoena to me is in relation to the counterclaims.

I request that my Sept 22 deposition be continued to (at minimum) 21 days after the Court rules on Plaintiff's Motion to Dismiss Counterclaims and that any deposition proceed remotely under Rule 30(b)(4) from my city. I timely served Rule 45(d)(2)(B) objections to the document requests; no production will occur absent court order.

Your Rule 45(a)(4) party notice was served after you served me.

Please confirm your acceptance to the request by Monday 15<sup>th</sup> Sept 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time or I will seek a stay and move ex parte under Rules 26(c) and 45(d)(3).

Sincerely,

Vasan Varadarajan

On Fri, Sep 12, 2025 at 2:21 PM Makitalo, Rebecca I.  
<[Rebecca.Makitalo@klgates.com](mailto:Rebecca.Makitalo@klgates.com)> wrote:

Mr. Varadarajan,

I write to follow up for a second time on my initial request, dated August 29, 2025, to meet and confer regarding your objections to Checkmate's subpoena. Please provide your availability for a meeting on either September 16 or 17, 2025. If you have retained legal counsel, please forward their contact information to me so that we can coordinate accordingly.

Thank you,

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Mr. Varadarajan,

I hope that this message finds you well. I am writing to follow up on last week's correspondence between my colleague Ms. Makitalo and yourself. We are in receipt of your subpoena objections. We would like to meet and confer regarding Checkmate's subpoena and the basis for your objections. If you have retained legal representation, please give us the contact information for your counsel and we can speak with them directly.

Please let us know your availability for a telephonic or virtual meet-and-confer after 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 9 and Wednesday, September 10. Thank you.

Best,  
Jake Winningham



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